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Commissioner Jane E. Henney  
Food and Drug Administration  
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

In the November, 1999 issue of the Nutrition Action Healthletter put out by the Center for Science in the Public Interest, I read a letter from the editor about bacteria becoming resistant to antibiotics such as vancomycin and Synercid. Part of the reason that bacteria are becoming immune to antibiotics is that livestock producers are adding antibiotics to animal feed to promote growth in their animals.

Livestock producers are using this method to increase their profits. However, the routine use of antibiotics in animal feed could eventually cause a serious health problem for humans. Please use your influence to prohibit livestock producers from routinely adding medically important antibiotics to animal feed.

Sincerely,

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